

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

March 21, 2018

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2018-32-C

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2018-32-C - Joint Application of Birch Communications, LLC and Birch Telecom of the South, LLC for Approval of Corporate Restructuring - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Birch Communications, LLC and Birch Telecom of the South, LLC's Joint Application for Approval of Corporate Restructuring.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Move to approve the corporate restructuring as proposed by Birch Communications, LLC, and Birch Telecom of the South, LLC, in which residential and single-line business customers will be separated from large business and cloud customers.

With this restructuring, Birch Telecom, LLC, will serve residential and single-line business customers, and Birch Communications, LLC, will serve large business and cloud customers, with customers being transferred to the appropriate entity.

Birch Telecom and Birch Communications will continue to operate under the "Birch Communications" name, so customers will continue to receive service under that "Birch Communications." Birch Telecom, LLC, will be spun off to a newly formed holding company, Lingo Communications, LLC, which will be owned by the existing owners of Birch Communications and Birch Telecom.

PRESIDING: WhitfieldSESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
BOCKMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ELAM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FLEMING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

